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## NORTHEASTERN REGIONAL YOUTH CONGRESS

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### Special Request for Prayer

We have been reading the *Church of God Evangel* here in the Battey T. B. Hospital, Rome, Ga., and should like to request prayer for each one here in our ward, 15-B, to be healed of T. B.: Mrs. Earnest Beaton, Mrs. Ann Iredell, Mrs. Bertha Dobbs, Mrs. Margaret Herringdine, Mrs. John Wheaton, Miss Dolores Wilson, Mrs. Pearl Owensby, Mrs. Beulah Wilson, Mrs. Mozelle Robinson, Mrs. Selma McCamie, Miss Louise Griffin, Mrs. Louise Lancaster, Mrs. Nettie Drummon, Mrs. David Kirkland, Mrs. Eva Kennedy, Mrs. Carrie Wallace, and Mrs. Margie Whitfield.

### COVER PICTURE

Our front cover for this issue is graced by the splendid Sunday School group and the Bristol, Tennessee, church. You will notice that the register shows an attendance of 324. To this Sunday School goes the credit of having won first place in group

two in the national Sunday School contest.

At the left, holding the register, is the hard-working, energetic Sunday School superintendent, A. L. Waters. At the right you see Mrs. C. C. McAfee, wife of the man standing to her right, who is the happy pastor of the fast-growing church. Immediately behind them stands Rev. George Brazell, former pastor of the Bristol Church and guest speaker on this occasion.

The Sunday School is not the only department that has realized marked progress and growth since the Assembly, for there has been an addition of sixty-six to the membership. The tithes now average \$520 a month. Since the Assembly the church has installed a new hot-air furnace, at a cost of approximately \$900. We appreciate the blessings of the Lord upon our efforts here as we labor together with God.—Rev. C. C. McAfee, Pastor.

### AM I MY BROTHER'S KEEPER?

*Am I my brother's keeper  
As thro this world we go?  
Should I be to him a helper  
In this vain world below?*

*Am I my brother's keeper  
When trials tempt him sore?  
Help him win his battles?  
For him God's grace implore?*

*Should I speak a word of kindness  
When his heart is torn with grief?  
His steps are weak and faltering  
Help bring to him relief?*

*I am my brother's keeper.  
The Bible tells me so.  
I to him must be a helper  
As thro this life we go.*

*I must be my brother's keeper  
To help him on his way,  
Speak a word of kindness  
And teach him how to pray.*

*I must be my brother's keeper  
To win a home on high,  
Where we can live in glory  
And never say good-bye.*

*I must be my brother's keeper  
For my Saviour said to me,  
"As you did it to the least of these,  
Ye did it unto me."*

—Rev. C. F. Hollandsworth, Owner.

### OBITUARIES

#### COULON

The unwelcome guest visited my grandfather's home, Mr. M. A. Coulon, Forsyth, Georgia, Sunday, April 24, to take our precious grandmother home to heaven. She lived a Christian life for more than forty years and was a

member of the Church of God nineteen years. The funeral was conducted by her pastor, Rev. D. T. Thomaston, Georgia, who was assisted by a number of other ministers. There are six ministers connected with the family, who now serve in the Church of God: Clyde Cox, Birmingham; D. Carter, Atlanta; W. H. Gann, Fannie Gann, Dalton; James E. Llamson, Graysville, Alabama; Delton Harne, Cochran, Georgia. Ten members of the family are long to the Church of God.—

A precious one from us has gone  
A voice we loved so dear;  
A place is vacant in our home  
Which never can give cheer.  
Her smiling face and pleasant  
Are pleasures to recall;  
She had a kind word for each  
And passed on—loved by all.  
God knew that you were suffering  
And hills were hard to climb;  
So he closed your weary eyes  
To thee said, "Peace be thine."  
—Her grandson, James E. Williams

## REQUESTS for Prayer

### PRAY FOR:

My husband to be healed of sugar diabetes. Both of us to be saved.—Mrs. Reese R. Tazewell, Va.

The healing of my body.—Miss Edna Hooser, Bristow, Okla.

God to heal my body.—Mrs. R. Blood, Clearwater, Fla.

My husband to be saved; my brother's healing of my body; me to be saved.—Lennie Owens, Scottsboro, Ala.

My hands to be healed of a breaking that looks like poison oak.—Mrs. G. R. My son to be saved; the healing of my body.—Mrs. J. C. Easley, Saraland, Ala.

The unsaved ones in our church.—Arthur, Jackson, Ohio.

My brother to be saved; my husband sanctified; both of us to receive the Holy Ghost.—Earlene McQuerry, Russell, Ky.

My father who lost his mind to be saved.—Myrtice Wolfe, Nicholls, Ga.

My son-in-law to be saved and that he might be spared; my unsaved children; complete healing of my body.—Mrs. M. Tucker, Whittle, Ky.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. E. G. W. Blocton, Ala.

My father; my sister to be healed of a thing like gallstones; me to be healed.—Tidwell, N. Birmingham, Ala.

Walter Wilds to be healed and saved.—Brown, Spartanburg, S. C.

God to heal my throat.—Sister Bessie, Bessemer, Ala.

Our loved ones to be saved; my brother come back from overseas.—Mrs. Roy Ochlocknee, Ga.

My little girl to be healed of asthma to receive the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Mary Brownsboro, Ala.

My brother's gums to be healed; my husband and me to be healed.—Alvie Morgan, Tenn.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. Arlie win, Selmer, Tenn.

My husband to be healed of kidney trouble.—Mrs. G. H. Brook, Hendersonville, N. C.

My unsaved children; my hands to be healed.—Mrs. John Davenport, Carters, Ga.

The healing of my mother's body; father to receive the Holy Ghost and be saved.—Velma Daniel, McCrory, Ark.

Me to be healed.—Mrs. Etta Spencer, 157A, Rt. 1, Plainfield, Ind.

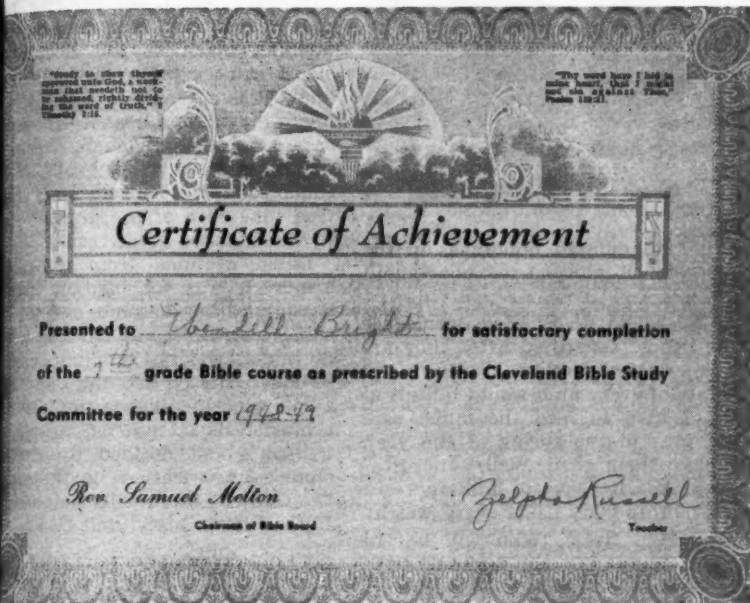
# EDITORIALS



## IT CAN BE DONE!

This certificate is a genuine compliment to the Bradley County school system. It is an absolute proof that where the county superintendents of education, school principals and faculties desire to they can see that our boys and girls are taught the Bible, which is the sure foundation of our homes, churches, and nation. It is my hope that the appearance of this certificate will be a challenge to all the parents throughout the Church of God to insist that their local schools give to their children the same privilege that is being given to the children here in Cleveland, Tennessee.

There are some people who try to play neutral. They remind me of the fellow we heard about during the War Between the States. This fellow said he wasn't for either side; so he put on grey pants representing one side, and a blue coat representing the other. When the Blues saw him they shot him in the pants, and when the Greys saw him they shot him in the coat.—*Gospel Music Banner.*



## POLLUTED (DESECRATED) PEWS

As an active minister, over a period of years I have been deprived of the opportunity of sitting in the audience, very often, with the gracious privilege of relaxing and hearing others do the speaking. And that may be one reason I am present, with a sense of holy anger, being pestered by someone parked either by, behind, or before me that has interest in the meeting and, therefore, should have had more respect for all concerned than to impose their presence upon it.

Then, there is a paternal reason, I guess I should say, my natural feeling of repugnance toward anyone who misbehaves in a public meeting, because it was my mother and dad who resorted to such definite means of impressing me that I should at all times conduct myself in respectful manner in meetings, especially religious services. In fact, after a few "twigglings," a few more than a few "thrashings," then a number-one tanning of my back, bullshide, I never forgot!

Well, I wouldn't want you to think I have a brutal attitude toward the "weaker sex" (and these were), but when Mary (my sister) and I were coming up together, Mother and Dad gave us the same kind of tea for, of course, the same kind of diseases. But I decided the other way, when Sister Bright and I were trying to hear the outstanding commencement address by Dr. David L. Lockmiller at the graduating exercises at Lee College, that hasn't been every mother and dad that has discovered just what kind of tea to give to children for the disease—**MISBEHAVIOURISM**. Or if they did, the girls who sat behind us had a backset, for their conversation was of much more importance than Dr. Lockmiller's, and my

hearing, as an editor, was so unimportant, that they had to carry on *their* tete a tete in such a monotonous whispering monotone, which was everything but a whisper, that I would have been as comfortable and heard as easily in a swarm of bees.

I don't know whether they were students (the president might like to know), out-of-town visitors, or local "Janets," but one thing I do know and that is they trespassed against our rights, as well as that of some good friends of mine, who had driven a long way to attend the closing exercises of Lee College; and I hope they will read this and know that I am the grey headed, bespectacled young man that sat by a beautiful young lady (my wife) in the seat in front of them, in the right section of the balcony, and that if yours truly had observed a young Georgia peach talking in a public meeting like they were, she never would have become Mrs. J. D. Bright.

Of course, when people are so unfortunate as to be in the condition of the party in the following illustration, they are to be tolerated—I suppose (?).

A clergyman was annoyed by people talking and giggling in church. He paused, looked at the disturbers, and said, "I am always afraid to expose those who misbehave, for this reason: Some years ago, as I was preaching, a young man who sat before me was laughing, talking, and making uncouth grimaces. I paused and administered a severe rebuke. After the service a gentleman said to me, 'Sir, you have made a great mistake. That young man whom you reproved is an idiot.' Since then I have been afraid to reprove those who misbehave themselves in church, lest I should repeat the mistake and reprove another idiot."



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**WILL YOU HELP US IN PREPARING COUPONS FOR SHIPMENT?** I believe like Sam will. It will help us greatly if you will sort your coupons and tie them in bundles of 100 or less, instead of sending them to us loose. Also **DO NOT FOLD** the **ROLL ANY COUPONS**; it makes them very hard to handle, as we must name them to Newark, N. J., flat. Everyone here will appreciate your shipping coupons to us like this. Thank you! Thank you! All the children send greetings to everyone on the field.

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LOS ANGELES, Calif.—About two years ago my health was completely broken down. My nerves were in a very bad condition, and I was so weak I could hardly do my housework and care for my family. I continued in ill health until last spring. One morning God definitely spoke to me, saying, "I'll not allow you to be tried like this anymore." I've been healed of that nervousness ever since. I praise God for healing me. He's a wonderful Saviour.—Mrs. Willis E. Combs.

McCALL CREEK, Miss.—I praise God for healing my little boy's legs of poison ivy. I prayed for him one time and laid my hands on him. In two days he was well. The Lord has touched my body, and I feel so much better. I want to trust the Lord always.—Mrs. A. H. Whittington.

DUNN, N. C.—My husband and I praise God for healing our bodies many times and for healing our little four-year-old boy last summer when we thought he had polio. We took him to our good pastor, Brother J. R. Easom, and he prayed for him and he was wonderfully healed. We praise the Lord for the great Church of God at Erwin, N. C.—Mr. and Mrs. Chris Barefoot.

FLINT, Mich.—On January 27, 1949, God wonderfully healed me of a rupture caused from an operation in 1931. Five months ago I began swelling in my abdomen and could hardly breathe. After a physical examination I was told I had a tumor the size of a one-half-gallon bucket falling out into the rupture, which was likely to turn to cancer. When the doctor told me this might turn into a cancer, I knew I must trust a higher power than man, so I began to pray. Everywhere I went I requested prayer and was anointed by the elders of the church. For six days I fasted and prayed, and God heard and answered. I felt the touch of His wonderful healing power. The swelling went down, the tumor just melted away, and the rupture disappeared.—Mrs. Cal Gunter.

COLUMBIA, Ky.—About three months ago my right arm began to hurt me so much I couldn't sleep at night, and I could hardly use my arm. The Lord healed me, and I am praising Him for it. I am so glad that Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever.—Mrs. Luther Smith.

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GREENVILLE, S. C.—Praise the Lord for what He means to me and for every blessing of life; but above all I praise Him for His precious redeeming blood, by which we may know we are children of God. I can never thank Him enough for saving my soul from a life of sin, for sanctifying me, healing me, and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost.—Margaret Holliday.

DRAPER, Va.—I praise the Lord for the Holy Ghost and for His healing power. I thank Him for healing my back and for healing my children. I feel it is a great privilege to serve God and enjoy His blessings.—Mrs. Thomas Reynolds.

MACON, Ga.—I should like to testify to a wonderful thing which my Saviour has done for us recently. My oldest child, who is now eight years old, was healed of a bronchial cough which she has had since she was six months old. The Lord has done so many things for us, and I praise Him for it.—Mrs. B. A. Osborne.

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GREENVILLE, S. C.—Praise the Lord for what He means to me and for every blessing of life; but above all I praise Him for His precious redeeming blood, by which we may know we are children of God. I can never thank Him enough for saving my soul from a life of sin, for sanctifying me, healing me, and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost.—Margaret Holliday.

DRAPER, Va.—I praise the Lord for the Holy Ghost and for His healing power. I thank Him for healing my back and for healing my children. I feel it is a great privilege to serve God and enjoy His blessings.—Mrs. Thomas Reynolds.

MACON, Ga.—I should like to testify to a wonderful thing which my Saviour has done for us recently. My oldest child, who is now eight years old, was healed of a bronchial cough which she has had since she was six months old. The Lord has done so many things for us, and I praise Him for it.—Mrs. B. A. Osborne.

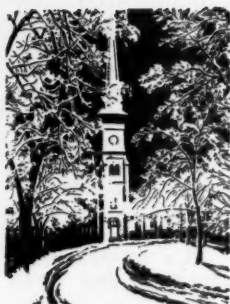
LOS ANGELES, Calif.—About two years ago my health was completely broken down. My nerves were in a very bad condition, and I was so weak I could hardly do my housework and care for my family. I continued in ill health until last spring. One morning God definitely spoke to me, saying, "I'll not allow you to be tried like this anymore." I've been healed of that nervousness ever since. I praise God for healing me. He's a wonderful Saviour.—Mrs. Willis E. Combs.

MCCALL CREEK, Miss.—I praise God for healing my little boy's legs of poison ivy. I prayed for him one time and laid my hands on him. In two days he was well. The Lord has touched my body, and I feel so much better. I want to trust the Lord always.—Mrs. A. H. Whittington.

DUNN, N. C.—My husband and I praise God for healing our bodies many times and for healing our little four-year-old boy last summer when we thought he had polio. We took him to our good pastor, Brother J. R. Eason, and he prayed for him and he was wonderfully healed. We praise the Lord for the great Church of God at Erwin, N. C.—Mr. and Mrs. Chris Barefoot.

FLINT, Mich.—On January 27, 1949, God wonderfully healed me of a rupture caused from an operation in 1931. Five months ago I began swelling in my abdomen and could hardly breathe. After a physical examination I was told I had a tumor the size of a one-half-gallon bucket falling out into the rupture, which was likely to turn to cancer. When the doctor told me this might turn into a cancer, I knew I must trust a higher power than man, so I began to pray. Everywhere I went I requested prayer and was anointed by the elders of the church. For six days I fasted and prayed, and God heard and answered. I felt the touch of His wonderful healing power. The swelling went down, the tumor just melted away, and the rupture disappeared.—Mrs. Cal Gunter.

COLUMBIA, Ky.—About three months ago my right arm began to hurt me so much I couldn't sleep at night, and I could hardly use my arm. The Lord healed me, and I am praising Him for it. I am so glad that Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever.—Mrs. Luther Smith.



# Is Church Membership Scriptural?

By Rev. W. A. Grant, Montevallo, Ala.

"And as they went through the cities, they delivered them the decrees for to keep, that were ordained of the apostles and elders which were at Jerusalem. And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily," Acts 16:4,5.

First, we want you to study the fourth verse. They were traveling through this town, and they gave decrees to keep; they were ordained of the apostles and elders. It seems like they might have had a general overseer present, which was Paul. He set some churches in order in the faith, and the people began to line up with church rules and increased in number daily. Thank God! I am happy to know I am a church member, saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost.

Some think they are right not to belong to a church, but if you will notice, they are the kind of people that want no rules over them. They are out of divine order.

Heb. 13:7, "Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation." Heb. 13:17, "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you."

Many church members will grumble because their pastor asks them to abide by the church teachings, despite the fact they do it in obedience to God's Word and the benefit of the members. I do not believe preachers should use God's Word for a frill stick, yet I believe that preaching the Word and showing the people in a good way the disciplines of the Church will win them. Joining the church does not save a person, but it proves to Christ and the world that we are in full fellowship with the saints.

1 John 1:7, "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." Thank God for the Church, which is right (see Acts 20:28). Thank God for a Christ that has brought us under His authority by sending overseers to feed His royal family, by placing pastors where they can watch after souls. Matt. 16:18, "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." If you are really born of God, I believe you will want to join a church and not turn yourself loose in this old world without a church home. To the contrary, you will want to yoke up with a church that has a solid foundation, not one that has been hatched up over night, but one founded upon a rock by the blood of Jesus, "the pillar and ground of the truth."

What does Christ recommend us to do if our brother trespasses against us? "... go tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if

he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as a heathen man and a publican." How could you do so without having joined the church? Many people do not want anyone to reprove them for their unrighteousness, James 5:14, "Is any sick among you? let him call the elders of the church." Again, how can you do the things without a church?

Matt. 18:19, "Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven." I tell you, I do not want to live to myself. I want to be found in the Church when He comes after His Church, Christian body that believes in the Church that was founded upon the rock. I have heard people fight organizations that were prayed over by blood-washed saints, then say they are free. They run around trying to tear down God's churches with the false doctrine which sows only to the flesh. You will have to say with me that it is right to join a church. May God bless you everyone is my prayer.

Editor's Supplement: God appreciated the Church so much that He gave Jesus seven letters to seven angels, and they gave them to John the Revelator, and he gave them to the seven pastors of those seven earthly churches with literal names in specific locations on the earth. Notice what is said to the church at Sardis: Rev. 3:4, "Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy." This verse shows that God, Jesus, the angelic messenger, and John the beloved recognized the literal militant Church of God here in this world. So how could any Christian object to church organization? Every Christian needs the Church, and the Church needs him.

## GOD'S FINANCIAL PLAN

Rev. Paul H. Walker

(Continued from last week)

Mark 1:2, "As it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee." This messenger was none other than John the Baptist, who prepared the way for the coming of our blessed Lord. Therefore, the following scripture actually should be regarded as New Testament scripture, because it is to be

recognized after the coming of the messenger and the one of whom he speaks.

The key word to Malachi 3 is "then." You will find it in verses four, sixteen, and eighteen, as being outstanding. If you can, visualize with me a mountain, at the foot of which on the left stands the prophet Malachi. He looks at the top of the mountain and sees a man, who is John the Baptist. Malachi prophesies of John

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# Foreign Missions

All the World—  
Every Creature



J. H. WALKER  
Executive Missions Secretary

## DOMINICAN REPUBLIC CONVENTION



Pictured above are some of the workers at the recent convention held in Santiago, Dominican Republic. Brother Stilwell, our missionary, can be seen in the front (with hat in hand).

This was a great convention. At the evening services the people overcrowded the building and many listened on the outside by means of the loud-speakers. The songs were inspiring; sometimes they were sung in Spanish and English together.

A report of the Dominican Republic Convention was given, in full, in the *WANGEL* dated May 21, but the pictures which appeared on that page were of the convention held at Kingston, Jamaica. We regret this mistake.

## CLOTHING FOR THE NEEDY IN FOREIGN LANDS

It has been gratifying to note the interest shown by churches and individuals throughout America in sending new and used clothing to the needy and the unfortunate in foreign lands, and we trust that this good work will continue. You may send it direct to the mission field or through the Mis-

sion Department. You may send twenty-two pounds to a parcel, or box.

JOHNNIE M. OWENS

We are grateful for the work that Brother Owens is doing by way of sending clothes to the mission field that are shipped to him from various parts of the United States. We sincerely appreciate his interest, as not many realize the good accomplished

by giving clothes. The Mission Department has letters on file now from some of the missionaries, stating that they could not attend services if they had not received the used clothing which has been sent them.

This act of kindness usually opens the door for the gospel message and greatly increases the interest where our work is established.

Brother Owens has taken this work upon himself and is not under appointment by the Mission Department, yet the Department feels like bidding him Godspeed in this effort. Brother Owens is a faithful member of the Church of God in Atlanta, Georgia. Brother G. R. Watson is his pastor. Those who wish, may send new and used clothing to him for shipment to foreign lands. His address is

Johnnie M. Owens  
Route 7, Box 257-2  
Atlanta, Georgia

If you wish to send an offering to cover the cost of shipment, you may do so.

Respectfully submitted,  
MISSION BOARD  
Paul H. Walker, Chairman

## NORTH CAROLINA STATE CAMP MEETING AND CONVENTION

Time: June 21-30.

Place: State campground—Wilkinson Boulevard, Charlotte.

Night speaker: Fatie C. Atkinson.

Guest speakers: H. L. Chesser, General Overseer; Ralph E. Williams, National Youth Director; and a number of other prominent ministers.

Expectations: A spiritual feast, four times a day for ten days.

Music: Singing by the best of special singers of and out of the State, and by a choir of three hundred. Music by a 100-piece orchestra.

Entertainment: There is plenty of camping space for tents, and a cafeteria to serve meals.

For reservations: Contact W. M. Stallings, 315 Church Street, Belmont, N. C.

Invitation: A cordial welcome awaits you. Come to the feast!

Management: H. L. Chesser, General Overseer; E. W. Williams, state overseer.

## OH, PRAISE YE THE LORD

BRYCEVILLE, Fla.—I had heart trouble, and during a recent revival I was led by the Spirit to be prayed for, and God healed me, for which I praise Him.—Mrs. A. F. Lawe.

# A Successful Life

(Baccalaureate sermon delivered to the 1949 Lee College graduating class on Sunday morning, May 22, in Lee College Auditorium, by Rev. Zeno C. Tharp, Assistant General Overseer. Taken and prepared for publication by Irene Wales.)

Mr. President, members of the board, faculty, graduating class, students, and friends, I am indeed happy to be here on an occasion like this to enjoy it with you. It did my heart good to see this group of graduates as they marched forward here after having spent months, even years, in this school and are now about to receive their awards.

To us who have been associated with the school and know something about it, there is always a feeling that is hard to describe when you come back and mingle with the students. Some of you I know and some of you I do not know.

I have chosen for my subject "A Successful Life." I should like to call your attention to two verses in the twelfth chapter of Luke, verses fifteen and twenty-three: "And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment."

I have been called upon by the President of this college to bring to you the baccalaureate message, and I come as a minister called upon to preach a gospel sermon rather than an educational address. I want to speak as I would wish I had spoken should the Lord come at the close of this service. I want to give you honest and sincere advice in such a way that should you, by any chance, later on in life decide to follow any of this advice, it will lead you to a successful life, a life of happiness, a life of joy and peace.

You have finished your formal education here at this present time. You are now ready to go out before the world and try to bring them into your way of thinking. Any future education will depend on your ability to learn from life's unlimited resources. Perhaps in a few days you will lay aside your diplomas, and thirty years from now will probably have forgotten all about them. Nobody will ask you

to exhibit your diplomas as a guarantee of your education. You will go through the world demonstrating your knowledge by your conduct. You may feel this morning that you have learned some things you have studied from books, and have some knowledge that is important and necessary and will afford you great help as you go through life, but you will find later that everything we learn is not from books. You will probably visit some of your relatives out in the rural sections and find that their twelve-year-old boy knows more about some things than you do. He knows how to hitch up the mule, when perhaps if you would undertake it, you would put the collar on upside down or backward.

You have had, in school, an advantage over the average person. You have had spiritual training along with your literary work. You have had Spirit-filled instructors that have done their best to instill in you faith in God Almighty. They have taught you the morals that we as professed Christians should hold; their influence upon your lives has helped to mold your future. Many people have not had that opportunity. Nevertheless, the diploma that you receive here will not guarantee you success in the future. For you the battle of life has only begun.

Life is mostly what we make it. It is not merely existence, but consists of conditions, attitudes, conduct, occupation and character. Life is made up of a number of things. For you to succeed in life means that you are able to enjoy life in its fullest extent, because of these various things about which you are concerned and practice.

If I were speaking to just a group of ministers, I would feel more like addressing you. Perhaps some of you have been called to the ministry, which, we have been told, is the greatest calling in all the world. But a teacher has a very important calling

today. Since the Bible has been found out of many of our public schools, the only way our sacred principles can be taught to our youth is by Christian teachers. I say that the call of a Christian instructor today is one of the greatest callings in all the world. Having God ourselves isn't enough, but one of the best ways for a person to be a blessing is to be a teacher. No doubt you can do more good in the world teaching in public schools than in any other place. Both the preacher and teacher deal with the same things, things eternal, and these are two outstanding callings. However, there are many other walks of life and professions which are noble, and Paul has advised us to remain in the calling wherein we are called. You may be a preacher, seeking to save the souls of men; a teacher, molding the character of future generations; a doctor, relieving physical suffering; a lawyer, pleading for someone's rights at the bar of justice; a merchant attempting to supply the necessities of life; a farmer, trying to produce food to sustain life; a policeman, trying to protect life; a missionary, attempting to save the heathen; or a student in some other school, continuing your education for future usefulness. Regardless of what your profession is, the principles involved guarantee success are the same.

There are two roads: success and failure. Failure is the easiest one. It needs no effort, just drifts with the tide, goes the way of least resistance. It makes crooked rivers and men: it is the lazy man's course. Ninety per cent of people travel it.

Brother Simmons used to tell of the man who was plowing an acre around the field and around the oxen they went, until finally the oxen became stubborn and went right out of the field. He did not know "gee," he did not know "haw." "Well," the man, "that's all right; it all has to be plowed anyway." With some

It doesn't make any difference; any way is all right. Many people look for an easy way.

The road to success is hard, but some prefer it. They would rather be leaders of men than followers of men. They build cities for others to live in; project subways for others to ride; erect skyscrapers and factories for others to toil and labor in. This way is not crowded, but it is open for those who are going places. The world makes way for the man who knows where he is going. Everybody gives a helping hand to a fire engine. Others will step aside for you. There will be plenty of obstacles, and sometimes you will be afraid. Then it will take a lot of courage. Courage is not the absence of fear; it is conquest. Success is for the men who will not acknowledge a defeat. He will not take "no" for an answer. He will keep trying. A man lies flat on his back for an hour watching a spider try to jump from both the rafters to another, trying to connect his web. Thirteen attempts were made, all to result in failure, but he would not quit there. On the fourteenth attempt he made the jump. The noble bridge was made and he commenced to work on his web. The man learned his lesson. He arose and pursued his course, which he had continued in for a number of years only to result in failure; but now he went forth with courage, and succeeded.

There are times when the bravest, most courageous men get downhearted. There are times when we are on the mountain top and times when in life seems like the mountain is on top of us. Even Christ needed comfort and encouragement in the garden. God sent the angels to comfort him. There are times when people tell us that certain things cannot be done. Someone said a bear could not be killed with an ax, but one day when a bear was molesting her home, another grabbed an ax and killed it. People said it was ridiculous for David to fight Goliath. It was foolish for Columbus to sail around the world, but he went around the world. It was sense for the Wright brothers to fly, but they flew. We thank God for people who have the courage and power and determination; who go forward in spite of adversities and obstacles. They are bound to make success, provided they take God with them. No one can leave Him out and succeed.

I have been impressed with a story written by Samuel Scoville, Jr., and

published in the *Sunday School Times* several years ago.

"It was the night before the Intercollegiate Games. The captain stood under my room on the fifth floor of Old North and called up to me that I was to run the mile the next day at Berkeley Oval in New York. That shout in the dark gave me one of the greatest thrills of my life.

"Two o'clock the following afternoon found me in the Yale training quarters at the Oval. The captain was ostentatiously cool and collected. He told me that Yale, the Freshman Class, and nearly all other right-minded, civilized people were anxious to have me win the Intercollegiate



Rev. Zeno C. Tharp

Mile that day. I was entirely willing to oblige them.

"Then old Mike Murphy, the best trainer the world has ever known, muttered some advice in my ear about not getting pocketed and laying back until the last quarter. Sid, the rubber, slapped a handful of raw alcohol on my bare back, gave my legs a farewell rub, and some one shouted through the door: 'Last call for the Mile.'

"The next moment I was out upon the track, which was ringed around with stands full of shouting, cheering spectators. Thirty or forty of us contestants got on our marks in three lines that stretched clear across the cinder path.

" 'Get set,' the starter shouted. Then came the bang of a pistol—and we were off.

"One of the boys who ran that day was an almost unknown runner,

representing a small school. At the first corner, while fighting the lead, he was accidentally spiked and thrown headlong. One of his legs was gashed by the long spikes on the shoes of another competitor, and his hands and face were cut by the sharp cinders. By the time he had struggled to his feet again, the whole field was thirty yards ahead of him.

"He had fallen. His face was blackened and bleeding. He was left far behind. It seemed hopeless for him to go on. Nevertheless, he started after that crowd of runners as bravely as if nothing had happened.

"All around the first lap he remained behind them all. Little by little, however, he began to cut down the lead of the runners nearest to him, and by the end of the first half he was among the laggards of the race, twenty yards or so back of the leaders.

"Then came that bitter third quarter. There is nothing in athletics harder than the third quarter of a fast mile. One has already run a half at full speed and there is still another quarter to come. An iron band seems to tighten around one's chest. There is the salty taste of blood in the mouth, and one longs desperately to give up and fall down and rest.

"Yet that boy who had been last, blackened and bleeding, with set teeth, cut down one faltering runner after another of those farthest behind, until, as the leaders neared the finish of the third lap, they heard behind them the pad, pad of flying feet coming nearer and nearer.

"In another moment the pacemakers had reached the fourth quarter, and a deep-toned bell signaled the beginning of the last lap, while the cheers of the crowd swept across the track like a storm.

"The sound was like a spur to the speed of that boy who had been last. He shot by a little group of runners, and in the backstretch was hard upon the heels of the four leaders. As they swung around the last corner into the home-stretch, those four, who were in front, heard the sound of flying feet approaching them from behind, and knew that the race that day was to be fought out by five instead of four.

"As all five of them swung into the home-stretch, the spectators leaned forward from the stands and called upon the runners by name for one last desperate effort. No one called to the boy who ran last of that quin-



tette, nor even knew his name.

"At the finish a red strand of worsted was stretched breast-high across the track. The runner who first broke that cord was the mile champion for the coming year. There were grouped the judges and the timers, and to the men struggling toward it, that thin red line seemed to move back and back to an interminable distance.

"The extreme limit of their endurance had been reached, and as their strength flagged, each runner called upon the very soul that was in him to help him bear the pain and carry him on to the finish.

"Lurching and staggering with mortal weakness each one drew upon the last atom of strength in him for a final effort. A strange silence fell upon the crowd, and in the stillness the rapid, labored breathing of the runners could be heard.

"Suddenly, up level with the fourth man came the blackened gashed face of the last runner, and slowly drew away from him. Now the finish was only thirty yards away, and suddenly, beside the third man, showed that same disfigured face, whose staring eyes saw nothing but the goal.

"That third man did his best and gave all that he had to hold to his place—I ought to know, I was that third man—but slowly and surely the boy who had fallen at the start drew away from him. Then he challenged the other two who were running neck and neck, and five yards from the finish drew up even with them.

"For an instant that seemed a year, the three struggled for the lead, and then, at the very finish, the runner who had been left lying prostrate in the dirt when the race began, threw himself forward, broke the tape a scant inch ahead of the other two, won the race, and broke the Intercollegiate Record for the Mile.

"In forty years of athletics I have never seen again so gallant a finish, and to the day of my death never will I forget that race nor that runner."

There may be times when you stumble and fall, but there is only one thing to do, get up and go on. Never, never quit. The start is important, but it is the finish that counts.

We leave here today in most every direction to pursue our courses in life. Then in a few short years our heads are all turned gray. Life is practically over and we meet again to rehearse the experiences and esti-

mate our gain. Suppose you have established a college, erected a hospital, or civilized the heathen, but somewhere along the line you have left out or forgotten God. Our life will have been wasted, empty, and blank. What would we have to look forward to? Jesus said, "Without me ye can do nothing." Again he said, "What does it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his soul. For a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of things which he possesseth."

A minister visited one of his early classmates who had a very successful business career. He was shown the wealth and possessions of his early friend. Finally they sat down, and the minister said, "You have a lot down here; what do you have up yonder?" With a bowed head, he answered, "I am afraid I don't have much up there." "For a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of things which he possesseth."

Suppose a man lives a good moral life, raises a good family, educates his children, has a good business career, and then dies without God, realizing his children are all unsaved. "Life is more than meat." Solomon tried life under the most favorable circumstances. He had riches, wealth, wisdom, luxuries, romance, pleasure and ease, all the heart could wish, but in the end he said it was all vanity and vexation of spirit. There is no way to succeed in life without God. You must have Him in your heart, in your home, and in your everyday life. Not in a mere pretence, but in absolute reality. You need to consult God about your everyday problems of life, about your domestic affairs, about your financial affairs, about your physical condition. Some people do not believe that we need to go to God with small matters, that the weather will take care of itself, that the doctor will take care of the children. But it is just as consistent to pray about the storm when it is about to wreck our homes as it was for the apostles to arouse Jesus when the storm was on the sea. It is just as consistent for you, as a father or mother, to lay your hand on your child when it is burning with fever and ask the Lord to heal it, as it was for Jesus to heal Peter's wife's mother when she lay sick of a fever. People will tell you that family prayer is old-fashioned, that it is only a habit, that it is unnecessary. Forty years ago fifty per cent of Christian homes had family prayer. Today it is

estimated that only five per cent have family prayer. Forty years ago statistics showed that there was one divorce out of every thirty-three marriages; and now one out of every five marriages ends in a divorce. Yes, you will need God in your domestic affairs. You will need God to help settle your family arguments. Right now perhaps some of you think there will never be a cross word; there will never be an argument in your home. We are told that once Billy Sunday asked if any one in his large congregation had been married any length of time and had never had a cross word with his companion to stand up. An old gentleman in the back of the tent stood up. Then Sunday looked over his congregation and exclaimed, "I want everybody here to look at the biggest sin in town."

You need God to help you raise your children right. Your faith in God is the most precious possession you have. Satan will try to destroy it. He seeks to undermine the very foundation of our religious institutions and destroy the faith of our young people. Every institution of learning has been established by the church or Christian believers. The atheists, agnostics and skeptics have never established one. Why do not they go out and establish a college of their own, where they can teach their own ungodly doctrines to their own group? But no, they want to prey upon the innocent youth of our land and destroy what faith they have in God. Graduating class, we need to go out from this school and take a stand for God, truth and right, and let the world know where we stand. Regardless of your profession, you can live a Christian life.

There are two sides to life, a business world and a spiritual world. One pertains to life here and the other to life hereafter. Many a father has gathered his boys around him and given them good counsel, but the most effective counsel is when he gathered them around him the last time, just before he goes over to the great beyond, and says, "Boys, I want you to meet me over there." If you, as a father or mother, cannot say that to your children when you are about to pass over, your life has been a failure. A "man's life consisteth not in the abundance of things that he possesseth." "It is more than meat." Many people don't know what life is. To some real life has never begun. Life is "real life" when at night after sup-

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Christmas better than last year. We  
may not have great possessions nor  
high-paying positions, just poor com-  
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solation in knowing that your children  
are living right.

Picture a home with the boys and  
girls down at the juke joint, the father  
at a beer parlor, and the mother  
smoking cigarettes around a card  
table. Could you say that father has  
made a success in life? A thousand  
times "no." He may have made a suc-  
cess in business, but life is more than  
meat.

I am reminded of Brother John C.  
Childers who had been preaching the  
gospel for more than twenty years and

was about to go to his reward. I heard  
him make the statement, "I have been  
living for this very hour. I want to go  
home. I want to see the man for  
whom I have been working." And with  
peace in his heart he went out to be  
with Jesus. No man without God, re-  
gardless of how wealthy, could die like  
that. If in the end you have nothing,  
as far as this world is concerned, yet  
you can put your arms around your  
children, look them in the face, know  
that you have taught them right, let  
them know that you expect to meet  
them in heaven, and at the same time  
realize that you have done your duty  
toward your fellow man as well as  
your family, then, and only then, have  
you lived a successful life. "A man's  
life consisteth not in the abundance of  
things that he possesseth, for life is  
more than meat."

Members of the graduating class of  
1949, I commend you to God, and  
to the Word of His grace, which is  
able to build you up, and to give you  
an inheritance among all them that  
are sanctified.

## ••• REVIVALS •••

SAVANNAH, Ga.—We have just had  
wonderful revival here, conducted  
by Rev. R. R. Secrest, of Kilgore,  
Texas. Nineteen were saved, two  
sanctified, three baptized with the  
Holy Ghost, and seven added to the  
church. Anyone needing an evangelist  
in contact Rev. Secrest at Gen. Del.,  
Kilgore, Texas.

FOUNTAIN INN, S. C.—We have  
just had a revival here which was con-  
ducted by Rev. W. C. King, who is now  
evangelizing in South Carolina. He  
really was at his best and did some  
wonderful preaching. Twenty-one  
were saved, a goodly number sancti-  
fied, eight baptized with the Holy  
Ghost, and five added to the church.  
Truly this was a wonderful revival.  
The church was greatly blessed and  
edified. Brother King made friends  
who look forward to his coming back  
again.—Nettie Hanvey, Pastor.

ROBINSON, Ill.—We have just had  
ten nights' revival. Nine were saved  
and five received the Holy Ghost. The  
evangelist was J. B. Holcomb, pastor of  
the Church of God at Olney.—Church  
reporter.

KNOXVILLE, Iowa—Recently we  
had a three weeks' revival, conducted  
by Rev. Paul Barker, our state youth  
evangelist and youth director. The  
Lord blessed us in a most glorious way.  
Eight were saved, two sanctified, one  
baptized with the Holy Ghost, and  
three added to the church. Brother  
Barker brought forth inspirational  
messages each night under the pre-  
cious anointing of the Holy Ghost. We  
appreciate Brother Barker and the  
great work he is accomplishing for  
God. We also thank God for our pas-  
tor and his wife, Brother and Sister  
E. M. McAlister, who are faithfully  
laboring for the Lord. They are a  
blessing to the church. We desire the  
prayers of every reader.—Mrs. F. M.  
McDonald, Church Reporter.

SELMA, Ala.—A great revival, con-  
ducted by the Rev. J. W. Bunn at the  
Selma Church of God, is now history.  
This has been one of the greatest re-  
vivals in the history of the church.  
Twenty-eight were saved, twenty  
sanctified, five baptized with the Holy  
Ghost, and eighteen added to the  
church. This revival continued four  
weeks with great interest. It seemed

at times that all heaven would come  
down. The Lord's presence was real-  
ized from the first service through  
the last. Two sergeants and their  
wives were saved. One sergeant and  
one of the ladies were filled with the  
Holy Ghost, and they all united with  
the church. The lady who received the  
Holy Ghost formerly lived in England.  
She knew nothing about holiness, but  
now she thanks God for the Holy  
Ghost and the Church of God. Our  
whole church has been revived, and  
we thank God for a good evangelist  
like Brother Bunn. He will be a bless-  
ing to any church. Pray for the  
Church of God at Selma that we shall  
keep the revival fires burning.—Miss  
Vennie R. Lambert, Reporter.

WARESBORO, Ga.—We have just  
had a good revival, with Brother Joe  
Poppel, of Jesup, Ga., doing some won-  
derful preaching. Seven were saved,  
six sanctified, three filled with the  
Holy Ghost, and the church greatly re-  
vived.

Brother Poppel is a young preacher,  
but he fasts and prays most of the  
time, and God uses him in a wonder-  
ful way. Any church would do well to  
get him for a revival. His consecrated  
life and Bible messages will be a bless-  
ing to the young as well as the old,  
anywhere he goes.—Earl Powell, Pas-  
tor.

# A GREAT NEED

By B. C. ROBINSON  
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There is a great need in our churches for musical training. Too many churches are satisfied with having a quartet, trio, or duet to help the pastor in funerals and radio work, and let the choir do the best it can with just a very few that read music. I think it is just as pleasing to God to have a well prepared song service as it is for a preacher to have a well prepared sermon.

"What can be done about it?" you may ask. Have at least one or two old-fashioned singing schools a year. What I mean by "old-fashioned" is to get down to business and learn to read "do, re, mi's." Now, there are those who think we should do away with the idea of learning to read vocal music by the "do, re, mi" system. Most of the singers who oppose the "do, re, mi" way have studied for years, are expert instrumentalists, and have acquired almost absolute pitch; but the average person doesn't have time to do this. They CAN, however, hold their jobs and attend a two or three weeks' school, where a good old-fashioned singing teacher can have them reading simple music, even by lines and spaces; and to make it still easier would be to learn shaped notes. Some professors will say, "What a pity for one to be able to read only shaped notes." Yes, it is; but it is also a pity when a choir can't read either one.

Sometimes we have choir leaders who can't read a note in the book and have to follow the pianist. In fact, the pianist is leading the choir leader, and he is up there waving his hand as if flagging a freight train, or, worse still, standing in one position with a woe-be-gone look on his face and keeping no time at all. Such singing can't be much inspiration to a preacher.

Too often a good sermon is hard for the preacher to deliver because the song service was not that which would prepare the people for it; and sometimes a good sermon is wasted because the choir was not able to sing the invitation with the proper effect. Sometimes, when the preacher has preached a good sermon, and there is conviction on the sinner, and he is ready to respond to the invitation,

by the time the pianist comes to the piano from way back in the church, and the choir leader fumbles through the book for a song, conviction is gone, and the service is a failure.

We spend a lot of time and effort in our conventions and young people's rallies trying to work out something for our young people to do so they will stay with the church. I wonder if we couldn't hold them better if we could get them interested in learning to sing.

It has been said that any church that can support a pastor could support a singing school, but that is only true when the church and teacher have the cooperation of the pastor. The pastor's presence in the class is a great inspiration to a class and teacher, but so often the pastor feels

he is too busy to attend the school. He isn't too busy, however, to attend a revival, and I think a good singing school is as important as some revivals. And sometimes the pastor will find it convenient to take his vacation while the church has a singing school. This should not be.

There is no way to estimate how good that a good singing school may do, for a good singing choir can also do down conviction on sinners when the preacher has failed to preach it down on them. Most of our progressive churches can look back to the singing interest in their churches being the thing that put them on their feet, gave them prestige with the radio stations, and commanded the respect of the general public.

It is a shame that we have so many Church of God men that are good singers and are having to make their living by putting on concerts and tours.

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## WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA, YOUTH RALLY



This picture was taken at a youth rally at the West Monroe Church of God. The pastor is Rev. J. P. Nolen. We had all-day services and served free barbecued chicken and many other fine foods. The date was March 6, 1949, or the tenth anniversary of the church at West Monroe. The purpose was to raise enough money to pay off the balance due on the building; however, this was not accomplished in full, because it would have taken about three thousand dollars to pay it off completely. We raised \$640.50.

Rev. T. M. McClendon, our state overseer, was the speaker at the morning service, which was broadcast over Station KNOE, Twin City Radio Station. The evening service was in charge of Rev. W. M. Granger, state youth director, and the Lord greatly blessed our efforts.—W. M. Granger, State Youth Director.



# State Activities . . .

## CENTRAL CANADA CAMP MEETING

When: July 1-10.

Where: Convention Hall, on Highway 3, on the shore of Lake Erie, seven miles east of Wheatley, Ontario.

Speakers: Rev. H. L. Chesser, General Overseer, Church of God, on July 3. Rev. D. C. Boatwright, state overseer, Michigan, the first few days. Other ministers from the United States and Canada.

YOU ARE WELCOME!—Rev. Darrell L. Lindsay, Overseer, Box 461, Parkhill, Ontario.

## TENNESSEE CAMP MEETING AND STATE CONVENTION

Time: July 25-31.

Place: Lee College Campus (Church of God Bible Training School), Cleveland, Tennessee.

Services: Early morning prayer. Bible study—J. Stewart Brinsfield, President Lee College, teacher. 11 a. m. speakers—Reverends U. D. Tidwell, J. L. Goins, C. E. Richard. Afternoon speakers—General officials: H. L. Chesser, Zeno C. Tharp, R. R. Walker, and J. D. Bright. Evening speaker—D. C. Boatwright, state overseer of Michigan. Orphanage program—Superintendent W. F. Dych in charge. Youth program—State Youth Director C. T. Dunn in charge.

Mission service—Executive Secretary of Missions J. H. Walker, speaker.

Entertainment: Meals \$1.00 a day; beds 50c a night.

Expectations: The best in everything. Plan now to attend.—A. V. Beaubé, State Overseer.

## Church Growing in E. Alton, Ill.

E. ALTON, Ill.—We were assigned to E. Alton at the General Assembly. At that time the church had fifty-two members. The Lord has blessed us and we now have seventy-five. Every department of the church is growing; the Sunday School attendance has increased more than 50 per cent over that of last year. The Y.P.E. has increased more than 60 per cent.

We had a wonderful revival which lasted during the month of February. The church was really

blessed by it. There were eleven saved, eight sanctified, eight filled with the Holy Ghost, and eight added to the church. This revival was conducted by Rev. Wiley W. Miller, of Hamilton, Ohio. Brother Miller is a wonderful evangelist, and any church desiring him for a revival would be blessed in having him.—N. A. Jordan, Pastor.

## Home-coming at Seaford, Delaware

On Sunday, March 20, the Church of God at Seaford, Del., observed its annual home-coming day. There were one hundred and seventy-three in Sunday School, and the offering was \$21.

Sister Defino, of Cambridge, Maryland, preached at our morning service. Her message was truly inspired of God and the Holy Ghost, and when she had finished there were many tear-dimmed eyes.

Special singing for the afternoon service was rendered by Brother and Sister Burkett, Brother and Sister Stout, Brother and Sister Joshua Thomas and Brother Edwin Tull.

Our home church sponsored a piggy bank contest, with an offering of about \$220. The total home-coming offering was \$400. We paid the balance on our Sunday School bus and had a little money over.

Rev. Raymond Crowley, of Salisbury, Maryland, brought the afternoon message. His message was like a thunderbolt from heaven, preached with demonstrations of the Spirit and the power of the Holy Ghost. Many hearts were blessed and many eyes were opened to the mysteries of the divine kingdom of God. We praise God for a most wonderful home-coming day.—Charles H. Brodie, Pastor.

BATTLE CREEK, Mich.—We want the *Evangel* readers to know about the new work started here. Our church was started by prayer meetings in the homes, and was set in order in our home on October 15, by our state overseer, Brother D. C. Boatwright, with eleven members. Since then, we have rented a church building. We organized our Sunday School the first of November, with twenty-three attending the first Sunday. Last Sunday there were seventy in attendance, and we are working hard for one hundred or more.

We have nineteen members now; we also have a Y.P.E., a nice group of young people, who seem interested in the work and progress of the church. We have a prospect of buying the church we are now renting. We should like for all to pray earnestly for God to make a way for us to purchase the church, and for Him to continue to be with us in our work.—Mrs. Dixie McGuffey, Clerk.

GLASGOW, Ky.—We are happy to report victory here. Rev. G. R. Morris is our pastor and we appreciate the good work he and Sister Morris are doing for us. Their labors have been a blessing to the church in general. Brother Morris has started remodeling our church, and we feel that by the help of our Lord and friends of the church we shall have a nice church soon.

We recently had a three weeks' revival conducted by Brother Jimmie Seigh and his wife, of Tullahoma, Tenn. We enjoyed the wonderful messages and singing. Many souls were saved, some sanctified, eight filled with the Holy Ghost, and some added to the church. Our Sunday School and Y.P.E. are growing. Pray for the church here.—L. R. James, Clerk.

## ALABAMA STATE CONVENTION AND CAMP MEETING

Time: July 5-14.

Place: On campground, six miles south of Birmingham, Highway 11.

Day Speakers: Zeno C. Tharp, Assistant General Overseer;

R. R. Walker, General Secretary and Treasurer;

J. D. Bright, Editor-in-Chief;

J. Stewart Brinsfield, President, Lee College;

A. M. Phillips, General Manager, Publishing House

Night speaker: Earl P. Paulk, Pastor at Greenville, S. C.

Expectations: A ten day soul feast.

Entertainment: Tourist courts, hotels, and (free) trailer and tent space.

Invitation: All are welcome! Come; let us worship together.

W. E. Johnson, State Overseer  
1259 Graymont Avenue  
Birmingham 4, Alabama

## KIMBERLY, ALABAMA, L.W.W.B.

On Monday, May 16, an eight weeks' L.W.W.B. contest closed. The workers raised \$975, we paid off the last note on the church. We had a good congregation and a wonderful service.

The money was raised by selling  
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## GOD'S FINANCIAL PLAN

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coming. On the other side of the mountain John prophesies and speaks of the coming of Jesus, the Sun of Righteousness, the One whom we seek to come. In verse four the keyword "then" is used—"Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the Lord, as in the days of OLD, and as in FORMER YEARS." So, olden days and former years refer to the time before the coming of John and of Jesus. The pleasantness of the offering refers to the years after His coming.

Verse 5, "And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith the Lord of hosts." In these few verses the Lord has declared His judgment against the sorcerer, adulterer, false swearer, and the oppressor of the hireling in his wages, and then in verse seven He states, "... Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return?" He answered by asking a question, "Will a man rob God?" That is a good question, "Will a man rob God?" He said, "Yet ye have robbed me in tithes and offerings." The tithes are the tenth part, and the offering is the part which is cheerfully given from the ninety per cent that we retain after giving God His portion. The sad part of it is in verse nine, where He said, "Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation." The selfishness of the rich man that heard the voice of God thunder from heaven, "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee," is the thing that brought him to his sad fate. The judgment was not only against the false swearer, the oppressor, adulterers, and sorcerers, but those who rob God of His tithes, also.

It is the same principle that causes a man to rob God of the tithes that rightfully belong to Him, as well as the offerings to be given for the support of the orphans, missions, building of churches, parsonages, and other things to propagate the gospel, as that that actuates the false swearer, the oppressor, sorcerers, etc. It is evil to rob God.

In verse 10 he states: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse (that storehouse is not the preachers pocketbook, but it is the treasury of the church), that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." This can be both spiritual and temporal, and it is so exemplified in the lives of many who have the victory today, because they have been willing to give God His part.

Verses 13-15: "Your words have been stout against me, saith the Lord. Yet ye say, What have we spoken so much against thee? Ye have said, It is vain to serve God: and what profit is it that we have kept his ordinance, and that we have walked mournfully before the Lord of hosts? And now we call the proud happy; yea, they that work wickedness are set up; yea, they that tempt God are even delivered." This was the cry of Israel when they saw that the wicked were prospering and were set up. Even those that tempted God were delivered. However, they forgot to realize that there was a reckoning time coming at a later date.

In verse 16 we find the key word again. "THEN they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name." That book of remembrance will be kept for those who serve Him today and speak often to another. In connection with that blessing, verse 17 states, "And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him." This certainly is New Testament scripture pointing directly to the day when the Lord makes up His jewels by gathering His children home.

The key word is used again in verse 18. "THEN shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not."

Now if you will notice the fourth chapter of Malachi, you will see the judgment of the wicked, the prophecy of the millennium and the destruction of the wicked, who take their stand against the saints. That, too, belongs

in the New Testament, as far as prophecy in its fulfillment is concerned.

## JESUS AND THE TITHERS

In Matt. 23:23 we note these words: "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." The essence of this is that if a man can be a loyal tithe payer and give his body to be burned and have no charity, he would be a hypocrite. He loves God and serves Him and takes care of the weightier matters pertaining to a spiritual life is the first, but that which is to follow a life of action for God is to be loyal in paying tithes. He complimented them for paying tithes but condemned them for omitting the weightier matters of the law. "These ye ought to have done"; that is, you ought to have paid your tithes, well and good, but not leave the other undone.

In Hebrews 7, we notice that Levi who received the office of the priesthood, had a commandment to take tithes from the people; that is, from their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham. The Levites therefore, had the right to take tithes. We are not taking the tithes from the people today; it is not an act of compulsion, but it is of a free will, in accordance with a fulfillment of love to God.

Heb. 7:6, "But he whose descent is not counted from them receive tithes of Abraham, and blessed him that had the promises." It is through the seed of Abraham, my brethren, that we can obtain the promises, not under the law but under grace. Heb. 7:7-10, "And without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better. And here men that die receive tithes, but there he receiveth them, of whom it is witnessed that he liveth. And I may so say, Levi also, who received not tithes, paid tithes in Abraham. For he was yet in the loins of his father when Melchisedec met him." It certainly is definitely set forth that God has a financial plan of supporting His cause, not in a happy-go-lucky haphazard, shiftless manner. God does not do business in that way. He blesses us with definite blessings and experiences. Also, He expects us to be definite in carrying out our obligations.

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to Him, giving tithes and offerings to support His cause.

### WHAT DO TITHES COVER

Tithes were to be used for the work of the ministry, and the offerings were to be used for such things in our day as the promotion of missions, the support of our Orphanage and Bible School, the building of our churches, and so forth. That which is connected with the ministry, such as the construction of parsonages, if there is a surplus after the pastor has had enough in order that he may live on an equal basis with his members, that surplus may be used for parsonage work, for paying the evangelist and promoting the gospel in different ways. (See *Minutes of the General Assembly*.)

### GOD'S ORDAINED PLAN

Let us turn to 1 Cor. 9:7, 8, "Who hath a warfare anytime at his own charges? who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof? or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock? Say I these things as a man? or saith not the law the same also?" The truth of this statement simply is that it would seem unreasonable for a man to pastor a church of any consequence and have to work on the side to support himself in order that he might preach to the people for nothing. The minister does not preach for money alone, but it certainly should be understood that God ordained that they who preach the gospel should live of it, and they cannot live of the gospel when the membership, or they who are fed by the gospel, respond only by saying, "Praise the Lord, you trust Him." This gospel reaches into the material realm, as well as the spiritual.

Paul says, in Heb. 9:11, "If we have shown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap of your carnal things?" That is a good question. Why would someone get offended because the pastor expects that he reap some of the carnal things, if he has been feeding them on spiritual things all the time? It is ridiculous to believe that if your potato bin is full of potatoes and your pastor doesn't have any, that you would tell him to trust God, and not give him any. If he sows to you spiritual things, it is your duty to provide him with material things. I know of people that do not pay tithes, and would let a minister suffer until he had practically reached his limit. Now, brethren, these are serious things and we ought to take them in the

light in which the Word of God declares them.

In verse 13 we note: "Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar?" This is the example of the Levites, living of the tithes that were sent into the temple for their work. The apostle Paul again gives an example here, and then he goes on to verse 14, and says, "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." What is the method? Bringing the tithes into the storehouse that there may be meat in mine house, that the Lord might open the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there will not be room enough to contain it. *Doth God take care for oxen?* Yes, if the man who owns the ox has sense enough to feed him. Does God care for the ministry? Yes, if people who are fed by the message that he preaches have God-consciousness and love for the truth enough to support him.

Verse 15, "But I have used none of these things: neither have I written these things, that it should be so done unto me: for it were better for me to die, than that any man should make my glorying void. For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel! For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me." So the apostle Paul said, "Whether you tithe or whether you don't I am going to preach the gospel just the same." That is why a number of good men are working today in the mines or in the fields and other places, and they take time out when they are worn and tired in body to carry the gospel, whether they are paid or not. If we love God and are willing to give our time and talent to the furtherance of His cause, we will not suffer the ministry to sacrifice beyond their means, and we will help them by giving them the tenth that belongs to Him, which He has ordained for them. Amen.

### A GREAT NEED

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having to bear the criticism of our preachers and laity. But when have some of your preachers and churches made an effort to offer these fellows employment as teachers and musical

directors in your churches?

If the churches and pastors would stand by these fellows, there would be plenty to do in our churches to keep them busy and be a blessing to our church and make a good living, too. There are some good teachers in concert work that would much rather be teaching singing in our churches, but have been somewhat left out of the churches' programs, so they have resorted to quartet concert work for a living.

You may ask, "Where can I get in touch with a good singing teacher?" Most any song-book publisher can supply you with a teacher. Here is a list of publishers for your convenience:

Tennessee Music and Printing Company, Cleveland, Tennessee.

James D. Vaughan, Lawrenceburg, Tennessee.

Stamps Baxter Music Company, Dallas, Texas.

Stamps Quartet Music Company, Inc., Dallas, Texas.

These companies have lists of teachers, so wake up, churches and pastors, and have a singing school and learn to sing to the glory of God.

Yours for more and better singing.

Editor's note: Brother Bentley is right. There is a great need for training in gospel singing, and there are numbers of qualified music teachers who could be secured, if there was enough interest shown by pastors and churches. Many of these musicians feel as much called to the Lord's work as music teachers and singers as we do to preach, yet they are engaged, many of them, at other trades, because they are not called on. I hope we will be able to use, and that regularly, the talent in our Church. Will you pastors take this into consideration?

### STATE ACTIVITIES

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hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken dinners, and barbecue dinners. The L.W.W.B. was grouped into three's. The prize for the winning group was a free trip to headquarters—to the Publishing House, Lee College play, and the Orphanage.

On the closing day we were honored by having our good state overseer and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Johnson, who seemed to enjoy the day very much. We also had a dinner and invited the pastors of the district, and their wives, which seemed to prove a great blessing to the whole district.—Rev. R. T. Lankford, Pastor.



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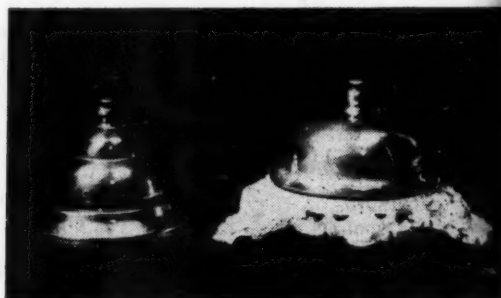
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